

**St. Clement's Pastoral Council
Meeting, May 11, 2009**

Present: Trip Gagnon (Chair), Pat Reo (Co-Chair), Walt Pazderski, Lorraine Kelleher, Joyce Ponserella, Fr. Paul, Barbara Garro, Tom Francomano, Suzanne Cleary, Bill McClellan, Chris Case, Nancy Osberg-Otrembiak

Subcommittee Discussions

Building Greater Parishioner Involvement (Walt, Suzanne, & Tom)

It was noted that the key aspect of this sub-committee is to involve people of the parish community in a stronger way. It needs to be first determined what direction we need to take to accomplish this: who to target? Why? What would be effective? What kind of follow-up? Sub-committee sees this as more strategic than technical, and it should be on-going, long-term, and kept up by the PC over the years. To accomplish this, the subcommittee feels it is best to spend more time to think out how to best accomplish this. They feel they will have more to report next month.

Evening of Prayer and Music

The subcommittee explained their vision for this event: an evening that is somewhat structured with a reading, a prayer, a hymn and to repeat the sequence having each reading/prayer/hymn perhaps have a theme. Barbara suggested having prayers written by parishioners and perhaps having the children of the St. Clement's school write the poems, perhaps even a contest for them.

Fall Picnic

The picnic is on Sunday, Sept. 20th. Trip has been in touch with Ernie to recruit him for help and for his contacts. Barbara will once again be Mother Goose. A subcommittee was set up to plan the picnic: Trip, Chris, Pat, Nancy. It was suggested to ask the Knight of Columbus to assist. Also that the Youth Ministry might get involved, as well as the Catholic Daughters and the Ladies of Charity (these two groups might also like to have an information table available). A suggestion was made to have some live music. We agreed on less or no door prizes, and to continue the Bouncy Bounce.

New Business

Discussion about including PC minutes in the Church Bulletin. Agreed upon.

Old Business

Church Cleaning – Joyce will wait to next month to move on this.

Pastor's Thoughts and Announcements

- The Saturday (May 16) 4 pm mass is the Farewell Mass for the residents of John Neuman. Fr. asked for representatives of the Pastoral Council to be available to accept from the residents a gift of the Chapel Stations. There are no plans at this time for building next door and the building is currently on the market. There is no truth to the rumor that the Redemptorists are leaving the church.
- Moving ahead with opening one of the old confessionals. The one opposite the one being opened will be turned into an alcove for prayer.
- Looking to build staging area for the choir.
- The blue banners in the church will be replaced by new banners made by a woman who offered to make them for the church as a donation.
- It is possible Our Lady's Chapel will be used as a "Crying Room" (a room for parents whose babies are crying and they prefer to move out of the church till they quiet down) after Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 9:30 am mass.
- Feedback regarding mass time changes (suspending the Wed. and Fri. 5:30 Mass – except for the Lenten season; and, moving the Sunday 7:30 pm Mass to 5:00 pm) has been very favorable.
- Statue of Our Lady (outside) has a crown that needs to be fixed before the May crowning. This is in the works.

Business for the Next Meeting

Discussion of working on the sound system in the church.

Next Meeting

June 8, 2009, 6:30 p.m. in the "Couch" room.

Opening Prayer–Lorraine; Closing Prayer–Fr. Paul